



ALEXANDRIA.

SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31.

In his speech at New York last Thursday night, Senator Gorman, of Maryland, said:

"To this connection it may be said that the leader in a popular government should have for his subordinates men not merely competent to fill their positions satisfactorily, but men who are partisans. The question is beyond that of rewarding friends who have toiled and sacrificed, although it goes without saying that those should be preferred in the assignment of positions; but the question is one of party sincerity, and the leader, if sagacious, will not surround himself with others than those who, under his lead, have borne the heat and burden of the contest."

In this wise utterance Mr. Gorman certainly voiced the conviction of nine-tenths of the men who nominated and elected President Cleveland, and, what's more, there's not a wise man in any party who doesn't, in his heart, approve its wisdom.

THE OLD year will round up to-night. To many it has brought pleasure—to more pain; but such is the lottery of life. As not one moment of it can be recalled, and as regrets are the vainest of all things, its troubles and sorrows, its heart burnings and ill-feelings, its malice and uncharitableness should go with it, and like it, be gone forever. The wise will retain nothing of it save its pleasant memories, but will keep a vigilant outlook upon the wide expanse of its successor, studded as it is with good and evil, and will so steer their course as to obtain as much of the former, and avoid as much of the latter, as is possible, and, whatever the result, be content with it, and have a heart for any fate.

THE MEMBERS of the legislature, before they officially promulgated their deliberate rejection of the Governor's wise advice to suspend legal proceedings against those who had tendered coupons in payment of taxes, until the creditors of the State could be heard from, should have recollected that while the U. S. Supreme Court has decided that a State can not be sued in a federal court, the Constitution prohibits a State from passing any law impairing the obligation of contracts, that such laws amount to practical nullification, and that the U. S. Supreme Court is now deciding, when a case involving that question shall be submitted to it in proper form.

MR. COBBIN, president of the Reading Railway system, in his letter to the strikers on that system, says: "It may as well be understood now and from this time on that every wheel which is turned on the Reading system shall be turned on the orders of this company, and under the orders of nobody else." No matter how this may sound to the men who order strikes, no reasonable man can doubt that it is the only way by which railroads can be safely managed.

SUCH WEATHER as is now prevailing is calculated to induce poor people to favor the removal of the existing high tariff upon fuel, blankets and woolen clothing. But the protected coal mine and woolen factory owners, sitting by their warm fires, dressed in warm clothing, and sleeping under heavy blankets, still cry out "Keep up the tariff for the benefit of labor!"

REV. H. T. SHARP, rector of Grace Church in this city, has commenced the publication of *The Head-Light*, a weekly religious newspaper. The first number is full of interesting matter, and presents a very creditable appearance. It is hoped its success may fully equal the expectations of its most sanguine friends.

COL. McCALL—Col. John A. McCaul, the operative manager, formerly of this State, and once a member of the Legislature from Roanoke county, who was injured by falling on a slippery pavement in Chicago Tuesday evening, is very low. After the fall, the Colonel being nervous and unable to sleep, the physician prescribed a small amount of bromide of potassium four times a day. It had a soothing effect, and overzealous friends, not heeding directions, gave the bromide to the Colonel whenever he seemed restless. Yesterday afternoon they became alarmed at his long sleep, and the doctor was sent for. Careful examination and inquiry brought to light the facts regarding the unfortunate overdosing of Col. McCaul, which might have proved comparatively harmless had he not been afflicted with incipient Bright's disease. Still more serious, it was found that either the fall or the bromide had produced cerebral anemia. The Colonel is nevertheless rallying, and passing out of the stupor, and there is hope that he may recover.

HUNG UP BY A MOB—William Herrig, who murdered his young wife and her paramour near St. Francis, Ark., Thursday, was hanged Thursday night by a band of vigilantes. After the murder Herrig set out towards the northern boundary line, with the purpose, evidently, of escaping into Missouri. Directly after the crime was discovered a force of men set out to find him. This was done about eleven o'clock Wednesday night, four miles north of Reitor. When found he was asleep under a large tree. He was informed that he must die, and he made no protest. In fact, he said he was willing and ready; he had done nothing he had cause to regret. His wife had been untrue to him, and he had killed her lover, and this he regarded as justice. Regarding the shooting of his wife, he said he could offer nothing in the way of defense. He was then hanged on the very tree under which he was found sleeping. His wife's stage name was Julia Bennett before her marriage.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30, 1887.

Naval circles have been thrown into a state of consternation by reports from California relative to the discovery of grave defects in the steel intended to be used in the construction of the cruiser Charleston now being built in that State. While an attempt was being made recently to bend slightly the heavy eight inch steel deck beams, several cracks appeared in the strain of the hydraulic jack, to the great astonishment of the construction officers. The steel was from the East, and had been thoroughly tested according to the severe requirements of the steel board, standing successfully all of the tests as to tension, elongation, elasticity, etc. Much of this steel has already been used in the construction of the other cruisers and gun boats now building, and the alarming features of the accident at the California ship yard is, that it casts a grave doubt upon the strength of other material that has already been built into ships and may fail unexpectedly at a critical moment.

General Mahone has gone into mining extensively. He has just organized a company of which he is the president and his son Butler secretary, whose scene of operations will be in the West, and heretofore supposed exhausted mine, and the material, dirt which has been subjected to processes for extracting its precious metals. Ex-Postmaster Windsor of Alexandria is said to be largely interested in the new company, and the dirt referred to is said to have been thoroughly analyzed and found to be exceedingly rich.

None of the Virginia Congressmen has as yet returned to the city, but Mr. Wise is expected here to-morrow. It is understood that Mr. Wise will be retained upon the House Naval Committee.

It is rumored at the Capitol that the democrats of the Senate have appointed a committee of three, Messrs. Kenna, Hearst, and Jones of Arkansas, to confer with the democrats of the House on the subject of the revenue bill to be introduced in the latter body. The fact that Mr. Kenna is a Randall democrat looks as if the bill referred to will be a decidedly compromise measure.

Monday next will be observed here as a general holiday. All the leading government officials, from the President down, will hold formal receptions, as usual.

Justice Haynesworth, who was shot and killed during a bloody affray in his office in the suburbs of Charleston, S. C., yesterday, was a member of the same military company to which ex-Mayor Kemper of Alexandria belonged during the civil war. His brother, who was shot in that war, died in Warrenton, Virginia, to which place the man who lost his life yesterday went to attend him.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

During the year closing to-day there were 9,434 business failures in the United States. Porter Smith & Co., wholesale dealers of Boston, have made an assignment. Liabilities, \$45,000.

George W. Childs has given \$2,500 for a memorial window to Milton in Westminster Abbey.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America has sent a jubilee address to the Pope.

There appears to be no truth whatever in the reports concerning the ill health of Senator Joseph C. Blackburn.

It is said in New York that Henry S. Ives may regain control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton property.

It is estimated that it will require \$38,800,000 to support the various departments of the New York city government during 1888. Senator Morgan, of Alabama, made a speech to the Massachusetts Tariff Reform Association yesterday against protection.

The City Circuit Court of Baltimore has granted Emma L. Patterson an absolute divorce from her husband, William R. Patterson.

The Treasury statement for December will not be issued until Tuesday, but it is approximately stated that the Government revenue for the calendar year about to close is \$382,000,000, compared to \$350,000,000 for the calendar year 1886.

A committee of Methodist ministers has found Rev. Mr. Wallace of Chillicothe, Ohio, guilty of making love to three women in his parish, and leading them to believe that he was to marry them. He is suspended pending an appeal to the conference.

Wm. E. Harding, cabied yesterday that there was no possibility of arranging a match between John L. Sullivan and "Jake" Kilrain. Sullivan, the dispatch stated, would not listen to the overtures made unless odds of \$10,000 to \$7,000 were given on Kilrain.

Charles H. Talmadge has filed a bill for divorce in Chicago, alleging that his wife used the money given her for household expenses in speculation on the open Board of Trade. When he told his wife she must stop speculating she left the house and has not returned.

Fairfax Dorsey, formerly of Hagerstown, Md., committed suicide at Los Angeles, California, on the 19th of December, by shooting himself in the head. He was about 19 years of age, and was a son of Mr. F. D. Dorsey formerly of Hagerstown, but now of Los Angeles. The family went to California about a year ago.

Charles Green, a cattle dealer, from "No Man's Land," gives details of the capture and lynching of the Kelley family, who have committed a number of horrible crimes out there. The old man escaped, but the son Bill was hanged, and the mother and daughter were shot while the posse were endeavoring to capture them.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Supervising Inspector of Steamboats Marshall Parks is very ill at Norfolk.

John S. Tucker, son of Ex-Mayor John S. Tucker, of Norfolk, died on Thursday.

Dr. John H. Seay, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Lynchburg, died suddenly yesterday evening.

Calvin Holt, colored, an employee of the Western Union Telegraph Company, fell from a thirty-five foot pole in Norfolk, yesterday, while at work, and broke both arms and was badly injured internally.

J. M. Langston, colored, who was removed from the presidency of the colored normal school at Petersburg, has announced himself a candidate for Congress in that district as an opponent of Gaines, the present incumbent.

The shingle business in Norfolk county, which has always been a large and lucrative industry, is now keeping all the factories busy on orders from the North and East, and it is thought that operations will be largely extended during the coming year.

The Board of Supervisors of Loudoun county has determined to build a new jail and has authorized Mr. Lemuel Norris to furnish plans for the same, and directed their representative in the Legislature, Mr. Ryan, to have a law passed to give the Board authority to borrow money to build it.

The northern-bound freight train over the Virginia Midland R. R., jumped the track at the Main street crossing in North Danville Thursday night, but no damage was done beyond crushing and tearing up the plank crossing and blocking the street some two hours.



## TODAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## Murderous Apaches and Bandits.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Dec. 31.—News has been received that a small band of Apaches are roaming in the mountains in the Montezuma district, killing and stealing. A number of travelers have been waylaid and shot on roads entering Nogales. A few days ago Clements S. Lopez was killed at Los Nogales ranch, just across the line, in the United States. A troop of federal soldiers started on the trail, but failed to find the Indian camp. The captain of the custom house guards at Bispa the other day found a number of cattle which had been killed by marauders.

The prefect of Saburba district informs the State authorities of Sonora that a party of bandits recently commenced depredations in the vicinity of Trinidad mine. Some days ago J. E. Jesus Hartado was attacked by bandits near Trinidad who fired several shots without effect. Darkness permitted Hartado to escape. A few nights ago a party made a charge on the house of Francisco Ortega, in Arroyo Hendo del Nuevo, and fired several shots through the doors and windows and also attempted to force an entrance. Ortega barricaded the doors and windows and opened fire on the band, driving them off. The next day ten men were seen with government rifles in the vicinity. The band is supposed to be decorated from the regular army who were convicted at National Federal prison, San Juan del Rio, a small island in Vera Cruz bay.

## The Reading Railroad Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Nearly one thousand men employed in and around the extensive freight depot of the Reading R. R. Co., at Willow street wharf went out on strike this morning, and the work of handling freight there is consequently badly crippled. This action of the men was in pursuance of the decisions of various local assemblies of the knights of labor last evening to support the order of the Reading convention. The men who went out were employed as conductors and brakemen on the Willow street shifting crews and in handling freight and in other capacities at the depot. As the general offices of the company on Fourth street no information regarding the situation could be obtained this morning, the officials stating that they had nothing for publication. Everything was reported working smoothly at the depot at 9 a. m. and Green streets and at 10 a. m. and Penna. Ave. At Port Richmond the non-union men who took the places of the strikers several days ago were at work, but the force is a comparatively small one and nothing like the usual amount of coal is being handled there by the company. About 900 coal handlers were formerly employed at the Port Richmond wharves while it is estimated that not over 150 are so employed at present.

READING, Pa., Dec. 31.—Up to noon to-day there were no signs of a strike on the Reading R. R. in this section.

## Storms in the West.

DAYTON, OHIO, Dec. 31.—A heavy snow storm has been raging for 24 hours. Over 12 inches of snow has fallen. Freight trains have been generally abandoned and passenger trains go forth with double locomotives.

DEBUIQUE, Dec. 31.—Another blizzard has been raging here for the past 24 hours. All freight trains are abandoned and the passenger trains are working along with double engines and snow plows and making very little progress. The situation is worse than during the recent storm. The present one extends clear across the State and is more violent beyond Fort Dodge than on this side. The southern trains are expected to arrive without losing much time. The mercury is above zero.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The blizzard that howled in this city yesterday afternoon drove almost every body off the streets and nearly blockaded traffic throughout the city. Street cars struggled along at long intervals early in the evening. The mails were nearly all from four to five hours behind time.

STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 31.—It has been snowing heavily all morning and indications are that it will reach considerable depth. Heavy drifting.

## Railroad Accidents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The express for Milwaukee that left Chicago at 10:30 last night over the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul, smashed into a freight train at Shermerville, Ill., during a blinding snow storm. The engine and mail car of the passenger train were derailed together with several freight cars making a bad wreck and giving the passengers a severe shaking up. No lives were lost but engineer Little was hurt seriously and a fireman name unknown, probably fatally.

BUTTE MONT., Dec. 31.—An accident occurred yesterday on the Utah & Northern Railway near the City of Dillon Mont, which resulted in the killing of fireman Patrick and the serious injury of engineer John Swamy. Many coal cars were completely wrecked.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 31.—A passenger train on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad ran into a double header freight train near Meadville, Pa., this morning and was totally wrecked. It is reported that forty lives were lost.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 31.—Particulars of the railroad accident near Meadville are still meagre. The accident, it is said, was not as bad as reported. It happened at an early hour this morning. The limited express was running at a high rate of speed when it collided with a double header freight train. The express was totally wrecked. Two engineers and one passenger were killed outright and 15 to 20 passengers seriously injured. The accident happened three miles from Meadville.

A Rough Voyage.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.—The steamer

Lord Gough, which arrived here to-day, experienced terrible weather on the passage. For eight days the passengers were not allowed on the upper decks. The hatches were battened down, but despite this precaution, a quantity of water penetrated below the stowage from the seas shipped by the steamer. To add to the miseries of the voyage the oil gave out and at night everything was in darkness. All the coal in the starboard hoppers was consumed and the steamer when she arrived had a heavy list to port.

## The Crown Prince.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—In an interview to-day Dr. MacKenzie stated that he was greatly pleased with the improvement in the condition of the Crown Prince Frederick William. Dr. MacKenzie said he had never admitted that the disease from which the Crown Prince is suffering is a cancer. The microscope by the use of which alone can the nature of the disease be ascertained, so far shows that it is not malignant. The malignant symptoms manifested in November have passed away. Dr. MacKenzie said, however, that if the disease is not cancer it is certainly very protracted.

## Church Destroyed.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31.—Immanuel Presbyterian church, one of the finest edifices in the city, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Nothing but the bare stone walls are left. Loss \$100,000, insurance \$85,000. The building was erected in 1873 at a cost of \$200,000. The organ was valued at \$13,000. A fierce blizzard was raging at the time and it was with the greatest difficulty that the fire engines reached the scene. No casualties occurred.

## Killed at a Fire.

STAFFORD, N. H., Dec. 31.—A. H. & O. K. Jones's shoe factory here was burned early this morning. Loss \$20,000; insured. George Armstrong was killed by a falling chimney. Over 100 hands are deprived of employment.

## Reports Discredited.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Dec. 31.—Mr. F. B. Smith, who has just arrived here from No Man's Land, says the stories of the depredations and murder by the Kelly family are believed to be visionary.

FISH NETS.—Petitions have been circulated and extensively signed in the bay side region of Accomac and Northampton counties, Va., protesting against the further continuance of the law which permits fish to be caught in fikes and pound nets. It is an undeniable fact that the supply of fish has been rapidly diminishing of late years in the bay, and it is asserted that this is due solely to the use of fikes and nets, which destroy millions of unmarketable small fish that are either sold to the fish factories or carted out on the fields for manure. These petitions will be presented to the General Assembly as soon as it reassembles after the Christmas holidays.

Ducks charge everybody with being a "quack," and there are but few who are exempt from the gossing accusation. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is certainly an exception to the rule, as it is no doubt the greatest remedy offered to a suffering people.

## A Tribute.

The selection of John B. Snoot by the citizens of Alexandria to fill the first municipal office in their gift eminently testifies on their part a true and well deserved appreciation of his rare executive ability, his ready comprehension and practical recognition of the city's various needs and his moral courage to rebuke public wrongs and unjust innovations and to deal out impartial justice to every class of citizens, of whatever party, station or color.

Under his wise rule, all too brief for the public interests, not only in Alexandria but in a large extent of the immediately surrounding country, the people, by their approving words and satisfied acquiescence, gave expression of their opinions that he was the right man to represent the city in the legislature. His useful, honest, and disinterested citizenship in the broadest scope of that expression, and his willingness and promptness to come forward in every emergency to assist in promoting general interests are too well known among us to need more than a passing mention of praise in the present brief notice; and his great public loss will be more and more appreciated as the years of his life come up from time to time in the future years to be met and promoted. A practical, diligent business man, who knew just how to shape and direct his own financial affairs to eminent success—a qualification too often ignored now-a-days in the selection by all political parties—he was eminently fitted to look after the finances of his city. Unlike many other rich men of the place in past years, he encouraged manufacturing enterprises and gave large employment to labor; and the large converse of that class of the people on the day he was gathered to his fathers, not only white but colored as well, was an honorable tribute to his usefulness and example. It was a spontaneous rising up of his neighbors to bid him to his home. His benefactions were numerous, though unostentatious, and his almoner will miss him as the years go on. His stricken household, so suddenly called to mourn the loss of a kind, faithful head and safe adviser, hardly passed the prime of life and usefulness, may well believe that an appreciative sentiment of great public good and condolence is with and for them in their affliction.

W. H. S.

## LIST OF LETTERS.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice December 31. Persons calling for letters will please say they are advertised.

Advertised letters, not called for within thirty days, will be sent to the dead letter office.  
Carlton, May  
Carter, Miss Fannie  
Cook, Miss Annie  
Frost, Miss Annie  
Hawley, Miss Julia  
Kirk, Rollin  
Lambert, Mrs. D. A.  
Lowry, Mrs. Emma  
W. W. HERBERT, P. M.

## DIED.

On Saturday, December 31st, 1887, at Alexandria, Va., of apoplexy, Professor THOMAS HENRY BREWERWOOD, of Cambridge, Dorchester county, Maryland, in the 48th year of his age.—[Funeral and obituary notice in another column.]

On December 31st, at 12:45 p. m., EMMA LOUISE, beloved wife of J. H. Rathbone.

## S. F. DYSON,

NEWS DEALER AND STATIONER.  
School Blank and Miscellaneous Books, Envelopes, Letter and Note Paper, Letter, Note and Bill Heads, all sizes; Inks, Pens, Penholders, Lead Pencils, all makes; Slates, Slate Pencils, Rubber, Sealing Wax, Playing Cards, Companions, Composition Books, Bill Files, Notes, Drafts, and Receipts; Crayons, Rulers, Paints, and Box Paper, all prices, which will be sold at the lowest cash prices and orders promptly filled. Order by Printing taken at the lowest terms. Magazines and Weekly Papers furnished by mail at publishers' prices. New Books received daily.

## 505 KING STREET.

Next to Opera House, Alexandria, Virginia.  
INDIA GAUZE, Gossamer and Balbriggan shirts, long and short sleeves, just received at my 12  
AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

MISSOURI HAMS—If you have not bought one don't fail to go to McBERNEY'S STORE and get one. They are simply grand. apl1

## The City's Business of the Year.

Another year has closed and the merchants and business men are engaged in settling their accounts and looking over their books to ascertain the advancement made during the past twelve months. Throughout the year the talk of "hard times" has repeatedly been heard and the amount of money in circulation has certainly been reduced, but the volume of business done here has been equal to that of last year, for while some branches have fallen off others have gone ahead and the city is certainly none the worse off for being a year older.

A reporter of the GAZETTE from conversations had with a large number of merchants gives the following summary of what he ascertained in relation to the progress of the various branches of business, during this as compared with that of last year.

The forwarding and shipping business shows a falling off.

The ship-chandlery business was about the same as the previous year.

The flour trade has largely increased and both the receipts and shipments show steady advancement. This city now supplies all of this section of country with flour.

The regular commission business has decreased for the reason that many farmers and country merchants now sell directly to dealers and don't send their grain to market to be sold on commission.

The wholesale grocery business has again increased largely and there seems to be more enterprise and push in this branch of trade than in any other. One merchant who, as stated in the GAZETTE, last year, said he intended making an effort to double his business this year says he succeeded. Alexandria now supplies a large territory with groceries. The retail grocery business has been better than that of last year and the holiday trade very gratifying to the dealers.

The fertilizer trade shows a falling off, the farmers buying smaller quantities. The shipments have also fallen off, the manufacturers in many places who formerly distributed their fertilizers for this city having discontinued on account of the trade being affected by the inter-state commerce bill.

The business in agricultural implements was hardly so good as last year.

The dry goods and notion trade keeps up and the business done both in wholesale and retail, has been satisfactory to the dealers.

The tobacco business has been equally as good as that of last year and the manufacturers of cigars in the city are extending their trade. The quality of the cigars made here is excellent and this fact is recognized by all who deal in them.

The stove and tin dealers report having done a fair business, many of the new houses built having their roofs covered with tin and all of them requiring new stoves and other articles in that line.

The boot and shoe dealers have done a fair business—certainly no falling off.

The book and stationary dealers report no increase in their business.

The jewelers all did a better business than last year and the stores show they are keeping up with the times. Some of them will do credit to cities much larger than Alexandria.

The confectioners all did a fair business and continue to extend their country trade. The hardware dealers did equally as good, if not a better business than last year.

The druggists' trade and that of paints and oils has been fully as large as that of last year.

The ice business, both wholesale and retail, was as good this as last year.

The wholesale liquor dealers say their business this year was about the same as last. The retail trade has increased and there are more persons engaged in the business this than last year.

The lumber dealers have done a larger business, but are selling on smaller margins, so their profits have been no more. They are determined not only to hold what trade they have, but to extend it. Their saw and planing mills have been kept busy during the entire year supplying the demands for building material. This, of course, has kept a large number of men at constant work.

The brick business is on the increase, the yards not only supplying the demands for the large number of houses erected in this city, but also furnishing bricks to Washington and elsewhere.

The builders were also kept busy during the year at work on the large number of houses erected here.

The insurance business increased with the number of houses erected.

The retail coal and wood business has increased.

The mechanics have had work almost the entire year, and the machine shops have not been busier for a long time.

The hay and feed business was larger than last year.

The manufacture and sale of mineral water has largely increased, and this city now has a flourishing trade in this line.

The river trade has largely increased, and the Alexandria merchants now do a good business with the farmers and merchants of the lower country on both sides of the river.

The manufacture and sale of leather during the year was fully equal to that of last.

The banks report having done a larger volume of business this than last year, and the banking business of the city is steadily on the increase.

Items of Local Interests.

There are 823 gas consumers as against 780 last year. There are 175 street lamps in the city.

During the year upwards of one hundred new houses were erected in the city at a cost of fully \$150,000.

The number of marriage licenses issued during the year was 116—of which 67 were white and 49 colored. Last year 99 were issued.

In the Corporation Court 76 suits were brought and in the Circuit Court 16. Last year the numbers were 59 and 34 respectively.

The number of deeds recorded during the year were 456.

There are upwards of 1800 water renters in the city, and increase of about 50 over last year.

Four more dogs seem to have made their entrance into the world this year than last. 535 licenses were issued in 1886 and 539 in 1887—males 292, females 247. Amount realized from licenses \$55. The largest number issued for more than 15 years.

The city paid and charged to property owners for street improvements, \$5,163.69. There has been collected on this amount and covered into the treasury, \$1,910.

There was expended out of the general fund of the city on the 31st day of Dec. 1886 \$60,025.28. There has been expended this year at this close \$66,662.

The Alexandria Musical Association was organized October, 1886, with forty members. It now has ninety-eight names on its roll. Forty-seven persons have joined during this year. This association has given eight complimentary rehearsals, two public concerts, and two excursions. It has expended more than \$1200 in fitting up its rooms and purchasing musical instruments.

There are four building associations in the city which during the year loaned upwards of \$125,000.

No temporary loans were made by the city during the year.

The total fire insurance losses paid by the

agents in this city during the year was \$7,591.50, an increase of \$5,892.50. The value of property insured is in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, an increase over the amount of last year.

There are three of as well equipped and as efficient fire companies in the city as are to be found anywhere. The total membership exceeds 200.

Alexandria still boasts of the best drilled military company in the State, which has a membership of upwards of seventy, and will soon have an armory that will reflect credit on the city.

During the year the police made 1,302 arrests, 33 less than last year.

There has been a general boom in real estate during the year.

The number of prisoners received at the jail during the year was 233, an increase of 52 over last year; 117 were subject to the chain gang.

During the year 39,425 barrels of flour were inspected; an increase of 4,294 barrels.

New Buildings During the Year.

The number of houses which have been erected here during the past year shows the gradual growth of the city, about one hundred new buildings, costing about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars having been added to the city's taxable property. Every year of late years has witnessed the rearing of numbers of fine dwellings, some of which compare favor